

**REMARKS:**

Claims 1-4 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Applicant elects the prosecution of the claims 1-4 directed to the apparatus for the marking meats. Claims 5-11 have been canceled subject to applicant's right to file a divisional application covering these claims.

Corrections have also been made to the specification and claims to improve their form.

Entry of this amendment and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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